

Year of the Dog: Idealism
takes over from cynicismBy George Sison
Contributor

THE YEAR OF THE FIRE DOG USHERS IN A PERIOD of spirited optimism, industry, growth, expansion and regeneration.

Expect idealism to take over from cynicism, fidelity to succeed deceit, and true leadership to triumph over cunningness.

There will be peace and harmony in the

YEAR OF

Gonzalez warns media: Don't
play up opposition antics

By Arnold N. Nacua

THE MEDIA AS DESTABILIZER?

Justice Secretary Pineda Gonzalez yesterday urged

national local media against playing up the

actions and posturing of the

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KUNG HEI FAT CHO! For the Chinese, it's time to say goodbye to the Year of the Rooster to welcome the Year of the Dog which starts at 10 p.m. tonight to reign up to Feb. 17, 2007. Celebrations in the heart of Chinatown in Manila started Saturday with the traditional dragon dance to ward off bad fortune. The superstition recalls fortune tellers, feng shui geomancers and other sources claiming to predict what lies ahead in the new year.

Lover's trail led to arrest

Woman AFP lawyer surveilled after mutineer Faeldon escaped

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan
and Nancy C. Cornejo

THE CAPTURE OF MARINE Capt. Nicanor Faeldon played out like a scene from a classic spy novel.

Agents of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces caught up with Faeldon, one of the leaders of the July 2003 Oplan Pinta, Friday night in Malabon City. He did not even resist.

The 34-year-old officer was with his girlfriend, Capt. Conchita Rivas, who is part of the Judge Advocate General's Office team prosecuting the court-martial of the "Magdalo" mutineers.

Hours after the arrest of the couple, military agents raided Rivas' rented studio apartment in Malabon, where documents believed to be Faeldon's hideout.

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"CONDUCT UNBECOMING" Charges may be filed against Capt. Nicanor Faeldon (right), who was with Faeldon (right in left photo) when he was captured Friday night in Malabon. Rivas, a military lawyer, serves as spokesperson for the court-martial of the Oplan Pinta mutineers. She may be charged as an alleged accessory to coup d'etat and, etc. for "aiding the enemy."



5-5-5-5-5 PLAN

Taipans put
in P5B to get
5M tourists
in 5 years

By Gil C. Celibrecer Jr.

THE COUNTRY'S DRUMS ARE AT THE forefront of a business offensive aimed at luring the private sector's single-angle goal and propelling Philippine tourism to its golden age.

That "5-5-5-5-5" target simply means: To invest \$5 billion to bring in 5 million tourists that would generate \$5 billion in revenues and 5 million jobs in 5 years.

Marketing while scenic Lim said the country's industries were luring new players and ships, creating new deals and hotels, and building world-class resorts and casinos, confident that tourism would be the next big thing in the Philippine economy.

"We're happy that the tourists have bought into our 5-A strategy—arrival, accommodation, attraction, and activities—by spending money in those specific areas needed to bring in the tourists," said Lim, the vice president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

Taiwan's Lotus Tree is leading the pack with the \$514 million offering program of Philippine Airlines and is spending a few billion pesos more to mark its entry into the shopping mall business (its Allied Bank has been closed in the Ever Green project).

Retail king Henry Sy's gigantic P7 billion Mall of Asia at Alabang Bay is being promoted as a major tourist destination not only for its world-class shopping facilities but also for its terminal that will have 300 cars carrying tourists to sites along the coast line.

Next to our beaches, tourists come to the Philippines for shopping," said Lim, explaining the importance of shopping mall in the strategy.

Flank with cash from a stock offering last year, Sy is also building Hualo City, a 2,200-hectare master property in Naga City, Bicol, as his flagship shopping mall.

"They only had eyes for each other"

By Fe Zamora
and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

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Rivas said she barely escaped to Camp Aguinaldo and proceeded to the headquarters of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces, where she found some quiet time.

A source said Faeldon and Rivas apparently caught each other's eye during the court hearings for the officers who had recruited the failed Oplan Pinta mutineers on July 20, 2003.

Faeldon was one of the accused, and Rivas was a member of the prosecuting panel.

She is in her mid-30s and single. He is 38 and had his 13-year marriage annulled last year.

Despite their opposing positions in a court of law, Faeldon and Rivas found common passion in sport, according to the source, who often saw the couple playing basketball at the early gym.

"She'd bring food, and they would have a picnic. They were oblivious to the people around," the source said, speaking in confidence of anonymity.

"Maybe it was because (they only had eyes for each other)," said another source, who suspected a budding romance when he saw the couple at the early gym.

Faeldon was detained at the early gym.

THE DAILY INQUIRER

Small acts of heroism bring dignity back to Filipino

By Christine V. Espinosa

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A MANNY PAQUIAO to make the tagline Filipino spirit.

All you need to do is to be a member of a foundation formed five years ago to honor the Catholic Church's Adhine Year.

One member simply pays the right taxes on time and maintains how they spend to be community.

A second one patrols the streets of Olongapo as a volunteer village watchman.

These acts of heroism, big and small, were done by members of the foundation for the beneficiary they respect from Sagay to 2008 Foundation.

With a token contribution of at least P200 yearly members get substantial benefits and honor.

It's one concrete way of uplifting the Filipino spirit, especially that of the poor, says Mrs. Maribel de Leon, head of the Malabon Branch of the Philippines and the group's founding president.

"It means a lot when people don't have to worry so much about money when they get sick or when a relative dies,"

Mrs. Maribel said the program. "It brings back their dignity."

The foundation has some 17,000 members scattered around the country, mostly students, tri-cycle drivers, farmers, fishermen and laborers.

One simple law to live by the group's core principles centered on bringing back dignity to Filipinos.

They're spelled out in a 25-point action-manifesto members to go back to basic principles, such as honest labor, re-

spect for the human person, cleanliness, honesty, truth and fairness.

In more concrete terms, Mrs. Maribel says they're urged to assist a neighbor in need, clean their backyards, vote for deserving politicians, report any acts of violence, and develop a personal relationship with God.

In essence, Sagay is promoting values expected of any well-meaning individual, he explains.

Mrs. Maribel got the idea during a recent trip to the Vatican in 2009. Walking down a street leading to St. Peter's Square, he observed a man

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RP to raise 'blood money' offer to P18M

IF JUST 100,000 BUNAGT BIRADS (P140,000) about P18 million will be offered as "blood money" to exchange for the life of a Filipino man who was sentenced to death by a Kuwaiti court last year for killing her employer.

Philippine Ambassador to Kuwait, Francisco Dela Cruz, said Vice President Noli De Castro on the latter's radio program yesterday that the amount was 18 times the blood money offered last year to the victim's family, which rejected it.

"We are willing one more time to negotiate the appeal. We will vigorously pursue the blood money if that is acceptable to the victim's family," Dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz did not say where the money would come from, but the diplomat said it was in line with President Macapagal-Arroyo's directive to the embassy to exhaust all means to save Binardo.

He described the Kuwaiti victim as a rich man who was engaged in real estate and who had relatives in the realty sector.

Binardo, 30, of Marikina City, was sentenced to death by hanging by a Kuwaiti court in September 2005 for abducting her employer to death in January 2005.

The City did not provide details of the incident, but reports said Binardo killed her son-in-law over "blood" because of "her people."

Binardo's predicament was made public only after her father, Renato, complained to the media that Philippine diplomats had failed to help his daughter.

A separate appeal before the court to bring Binardo to the Philippines was rejected by the court.

Dela Cruz said Binardo, who is being held incommunicado, admitted the crime on the witness stand during the trial.

He said he last saw Binardo on Jan. 12 during an argument in the Kuwaiti Court of Appeals where her lawyers asked for a postponement of the proceedings to prepare a defense. The next hearing was Feb. 11.

Dela Cruz said the appeal lawyers would question the lack of a qualified forensic psychiatrist to testify during the trial and to prove the victim's death was not a good mental health condition.

The lawyers will also challenge the criminal conviction done on Binardo by a medical team led by the head of the University of Kuwait's psychiatry department.

According to Dela Cruz, the Kuwaiti medical team said for Binardo's medical records from the Philippines before sending to Kuwait for medical attention.

De Castro said arrangements were being made for him to go to Kuwait to see Binardo.

Cynthia D. Aldecoa

New EU members no threat to OFWs, says Sto. Tomas

LABOR SECRETARY PETERSON STO. TOMAS yesterday alleged that the European Union's taking on more member countries would threaten the Philippine market for overseas workers in Europe.

Sto. Tomas said the European migrant workers market is still driven on three main pillars: Germany, France and Italy.

He said that despite the EU's latest and largest expansion in May 2004, the labor department's overseas employment figures showed that the employment of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled Filipino workers in Europe rose to 50,115 in 2004, from only 5,003 in 1994.

A preliminary report of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration also showed that another 26,711 OFWs were deployed on the European continent in the first eight months of 2005.

The European Union is composed of 25 countries that collectively form one of the world's most dynamic economies. Romania and Bulgaria are set to join the grouping in 2007, while Croatia, Macedonia and Turkey have been approved as candidate states.

Despite this, the labor undersecretary for employment promotion and manpower development said the labor market showed strong growth in 2004 deployment to Europe.

Given the fact that in 2004, European country was in the top 10 global destinations of OFWs, taking two of the top 10 are these two countries—Austria and Italy.

Infant also figures in the top 20 while Spain and Cyprus are in the top 10 in its industry. Other EU countries have also opened their doors to Filipino workers.

Armando Dela Cruz

R. A. Lacuna, 82

RETIREE BERNARDINO BORDO RIVER LACUNA of Pateros, Nueva Ecija, passed away yesterday at the Makati Medical Center after suffering from heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, Isabella, and children: children-in-law and grand-children. He was 82.

His funeral will be held at 10 a.m. at the Lapda Memorial Park in Marikina City.

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"Those are, we're willing" and a lady accompanying Jack Harwood for the actor smiled when he responded he stopped and said hello. He explained that he was in Park City for his movie "Lucky Number Sleaze," which was one of the lady's Paramount offerings. The lady was not Randolph Anderson, whom Jack is reportedly dating. The two met on the set of

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The WORLD

Bush threatens to cut US aid to Palestinians

WASHINGTON—US PRESIDENT GEORGE W. Bush on Friday warned of cuts in US aid to the Palestinians if the Islamic militant group Hamas does not dissolve its armed wing and renounce threats against Israel.

"If they don't, we must look at our aid package, what's going to happen," Bush told CBS television in an interview as Hamas prepared to name a government after winning a stunning majority in Palestinian elections.

"That's their decision to make, but we would be providing help to a government that wants to destroy our ally and friend. I don't see how you can be assisting a group that doesn't renounce violence," said Bush.

"They're going to get rid of that sword they were using to assault and resist, and eventually they're going to get rid of the gun of their Palestinian brother who is a deadly threat."

US officials had warned that Washington would only cut a rep-

re-portion of its aid to the Palestinians if, as expected, the new government includes Hamas.

"It seems it is a Hamas government which now appears likely we're going to have to review all aspects of our aid program, based on our policy and what we're US State Department spokesman James McGovern told reporters. "We do not and will not give money to a terrorist organization," he said in Washington.

He said the US State Department is reviewing the aid program and is expected to announce its decision in the coming weeks.

in Authority, but plans to provide \$250 million to the Palestinians through the US Agency for International Development and another \$100 million through the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, Israeli-occupied territories.

Asked whether there was participation in a new Palestinian government would impact aid to that country, McGovern said: "I guess the short answer is you can't assume that anything is a foregone conclusion."

He stressed, however, that the US is committed to working with the Palestinian people to build a better future.



CHINESE NEW YEAR
Chinese artists perform a traditional dance for the Lunar New Year at a park in Beijing, China Jan. 24.

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Strong quake triggers panic in Indonesia

AMBON, INDONESIA—A 6.5-MAGNITUDE quake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale rocked central Indonesia early Tuesday evening with aftershocks, the US Geological Survey said.

The quake struck at 1:30 am in the Banda Sea, around 100 km north of Ambon City at a depth of 240 km, the US Geological Survey said from its website.

There were no immediate reports of major damage or casualties.

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roughly 220 kilometers. It is far under the surface than it's going to cause enough displacement of the sea floor that it'll generate a tsunami," he added.

On Dec. 26, 2004, Indonesia's most powerful was the hardest hit by the 9.0-magnitude quake off Sumatra that triggered a tsunami which killed more than 220,000 people around the Indian Ocean.

An official with the Jakarta meteorological office said it had recorded the latest quake at 7.7 on the Richter scale.

The center was about 100 km from Ambon, also in the Maluku island state, as well as in the Indonesian province, facing in the east the Indonesian province and the South Island of Sumatra.

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German hostages in Iraq urge Berlin to help free them

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TALK of the TOWN

Economic costs of the Iraq war (2)

THE COST OF THE IRAQ WAR TO THE UNITED STATES IS FAR BIGGER THAN THE \$200 billion that U.S. Treasury President George W. Bush's economic advisers estimated as the US was preparing to go to war three years ago. These Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz claimed that Lindsey's figure was a gross overstatement and that Iraq could "really finance its own reconstruction."

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through high oil prices. Stiglitz and Bilmes estimate that \$5 to \$30 of the cost of a barrel of crude is due to Iraq.

They argue that military spending on Iraq would have contributed more to economic growth in the US if the outlays had gone instead to more productive investments like education, research and infrastructure.

By spending an amount less than the direct expenditures on the war, the US also could have fulfilled its commitment to provide 0.7 percent of its GDP to help developing countries. Stiglitz and Bilmes say that the amount "could have made an enormous difference, for the better, to the well-being of billions today living in poverty. We could have had a Marshall Plan for the Middle East, or the developing countries, that might actually have been succeeding in winning the hearts and minds of those in the Middle East."

An appraisal three years after the beginning of the conflict

By Linda Bilmes
Columbia School, Harvard University
and Joseph E. Stiglitz
Harvard, Columbia University

AS LITTLE AS THE START of the war, the costs of the Iraq war to the United States are far greater than the \$200 billion that U.S. Treasury President George W. Bush's economic advisers estimated as the US was preparing to go to war three years ago. These Deputy Secretary Paul Wolfowitz claimed that Lindsey's figure was a gross overstatement and that Iraq could "really finance its own reconstruction."

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Security

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ENTERTAINMENT



FL&JM actors and writers: David and Dexter Bacon, with friend Sacha Baron Cohen, in his Mark Twain costume, and with actress Jennifer Lawrence in a red dress.



CHARLIE C. Korman, left, president and publisher of Hollywood 'tabloids' 'Starline' and 'The Starline', and publisher photographer Hunter Fraser.



AMORR Solari at the after-party for 'Thank You for Smoking'.



ASHLEY Judd just gave a moving speech before giving a 'Thank You for Smoking' award to her husband, actor, director, and producer Hunter Fraser.

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It's a happy that two-way and down-to-earth it has been looking up.

He dived into the Café Terroir for Columbia University's School of the Arts, Film (Sundance) reception for its students and alumni for its Sundance.

In the evening, we made our way through the snow and mud (there are no sidewalks in Sundance) to the Dicks Theater for "Thank You for Smoking," one of the best films here. The director, Aaron Korman, and some of his terrific ones—Aaron Korman, Luke Lacey, and William H. Macy—were up the stage in a surprising appearance at the end of the movie.

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Sunday **BIZ**

Making a mark in a man's world

By Tina Arzo-Dumala

MEENIE IER, MD, PhD is a **WORLD** woman leader in the Ayala Capital, general manager of the Philippine operations of Philip Semiconductor (Phil, Inc.).

After all, she had a lot of practice while growing up in a household where her father and two brothers were with the Philippine Military Academy.

Being the only daughter and the youngest did not grant her special privileges.

She had to do her assigned chores, make her bed, help her mother in her kitchen, take her turn watching the dishes, and leaving the dishes just like her victor brother.

"My father always said that I would be on my own someday, so I needed to learn these things," Capalisan tells *Inquirer*.

But she learned more than just how to be immaculately immaculate.

It was in their home near the 1980s where she learned the values of discipline, order and getting things done the right way.

Her control over values with her when she started working after getting her Chemical Engineering degree from the U.S. Coast Community College.

Capalisan recalls going to Manila and working the length of Ayala Ave. in Makati City to work at a job. She was employed in a department manager position in a company that did gold plating, even if she was just 22 and fresh out of college.

"I was rejected," she says, "but I was called two weeks later and I was offered a credit engineering position. I got it, but I told the person interviewing me that I would be a manager someday."

Her prediction came true just three months later.

She would achieve similar feats throughout her career, and it is rooted in her strong ability to meet targets she sets for herself, no matter how ambitious.

From the gold plating firm, she moved on to National Semiconductor, where she fell off as a management career in the male-dominated world of semiconductor.

It was also thanks to her determination and tenacity that Capalisan went to Europe for the first time, specifically in Germany where she was the only one of two Asians to be part of senior management.

In the two years she was there, she went to visit in many countries in Europe as she could.

But even though pulled after a while, as she was reflecting (page of her childhood, she also thought that there should be more skills than going down to an empty apartment with no friends or family around her.

She informed her boss of her plans to go home, but he dissuaded her and instead offered her a prize in Hong Kong.

"Thinking that it was close enough to the Philippines, she moved and stayed there for another two years."

Still, she looked for home:

"I think I am really not made for living abroad," she says.

Fortunately, her boss had a friend in the Philippines who helped her get a job with Philip Semiconductor in 1990. That marked the beginning of another chapter in her career.

Less than three years later, Capalisan became part of the management team.

Under her leadership in general manager of Philip Semiconductor (Phil, Inc.), which makes integrated circuits, operations had an impact (revenue of \$721 million last year), and further cemented the Philippine reputation as a world-class producer of semiconductors.

The company also became a corporate citizen in the Philippine semiconductor worldwide, which means that the Philippine operations, with some 2,000 employees, is ranked among the top 100 manufacturing facilities across the globe.

She intends to keep it that way.

Capalisan was one of her biggest challenges is to maintain the multicultural semiconductor team (Asian and non-Asian).

"I always love to fight for our entrance in the Philippines," Capalisan says, "there is a demand for our products as always looking for a more

one efficient way of producing semiconductor."

She, however, says that by sharing the world where the Filipino can do in the world of semiconductor, there is still a lot to be learned to learn in the country.

Capalisan says sharing Philip's success story with existing employees believe that they have what it takes to do great things for themselves and for their company.

"What you just revealed, you can achieve," she says.

(LEFT) Meenie Ier, MD, PhD, Ayala Capital.

(RIGHT) Capalisan today, general manager of the Philippine operations of Philip Semiconductor.

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All-Pinoy happening in Edinburgh

Guests feasted on 'kesong puti' and 'adobo,' and bided for Pilapil, Lao, Drilon and Baldemor artworks

By Maria P. Delgado
Contributor

TOP CHOP MARGARETA Poos flew in for it. Designer Anita Arnesen had her covered bags auctioned for it. And leading vocal artists Inge Flisø, Leo Lunden, Menny Baldemor, Rock Delfino and Claude Trygve sent their artworks all the way to Europe for it.

It encompasses any Filipino art, local and foreign, intramural, and/or transnational. It also attracts Philippine talent from all over the world. *Pinoy Island painters* Shelia Colson-Togel, Cassen Ireming and Juan Colson have had work on exhibit in the capital arts department store. In *Art Filipino* Catalogue, artist Wally Gumbay and Manila-based photographer Neal Delima, Miguel Baldo and Nelson Gumbay. (Gumbay is the only Filipino whose work is featured in the *MoMA Art Museum* in New York.)

Left last year, as Manila was awash in the Christmas spirit, students at the University of Edinburgh took the spirit of giving to another level. Confreres was organised "to incorporate all aspects of student life into art and culture in a refreshing and original exhibition." It was made up of distinctive sections, with "half students going directly to the Centre for Filipino," a London-based organisation which looks after the welfare of Filipinos living and working in the UK.

The Filipino community is lititnough not only attended in full force but gave their full support, greatly participating in an impressive dance performances. The penitents also demonstrated the audience, while the strolling broke the ice as guests joined in and got their feet caught between the bamboo poles.

Margaret forces me to sit at the craning, wearing the crown with her finger down and winning them over with her honey-pot and blood fish pie in parts and other old up-
shots and tricks.

Grand folk welcomed.

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The last was dressed up with glasses of champagne, limo, caviar and other goodies previously waiting to be filed with cocktails consumed especially for the evening by the venue's fashionable habitués. Two stand-outs, as surprises for those names on their program, were Thriller in Manila and Bangkok (see below).

First to sell among the artworks were the paintings of Oskar Kokoschka, Sergei Prokudin-Gorskii and Robert Rauschenberg.

Spending a holiday was never the easy stuff, my bags of Amara beads. Conspicuously put together with materials like mother-of-pearl, cocoon shell, wood, sparkling crystals, brass, bone, silver and leather, the bags made a splash at their British debut, flogged on by an ecstatic crowd. James Rodin, who only at first in silent, stoic, somewhat to be expected.

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